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1. Can you provide a description of Project GRILL FLAME to include the objectives of the project and exactly what paranormal phenomenon DIA and the Army are studying?

ANSWER:

1. GRILL FLAME is a planned three year joint program which is in its first year (FY81) between DIA and the Army to investigate in detail certain paranormal phenomenon, such as, remote viewing and psychokinesis that have potential military applications. Emphasis this year has been on evaluating application potential and limitations of remote viewing ( the ability of individuals to mentally collect data at a distance) phenomena and to evaluate the significance of foreign work, particularly as it may pose a threat to the United States.

- a. DIA is working on evaluating foreign work.
- b. For <sup>FY</sup>1982, Army is contracting for SRI to complete development of and evaluate new, enhanced RV techniques. (195K)
- c. FY 81

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Army guidance to O'Keefe: tell them as little as possible.

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2. Is CIA conducting similar studies? If so, what is the interface between the GDIP and CIA efforts?

ANSWER:

2. Although CIA can best answer this question, DIA is not aware of any present program at that agency. DIA, however, does maintain interface with CIA by keeping them informed of progress in the GRILL FLAME effort.

- a. CIA Reps Are invited to sit-in on quarterly GRILL FLAME meetings as non-voting observers.
- b. CIA has been actively tasking Army (INSCOM) on specific intelligence collection tasks.

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3. Are these studies being accomplished in house or by external assistance contracts?

ANSWER:

3. Currently, Project GRILL FLAME is conducted primarily through an external assistance contract with Stanford Research Institute International. However, the DIA does have a small related in house project to assess foreign capabilities in parapsychology.

a. to me, the spirit of the question, indicates what are you doing to assess the phenomena? To that, we should add: Army has been working on training personnel in RV techniques & applying this ability against operational requirements.

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4. What is the level of funding to date for GRILL FLAME that the Army and DIA have each provided?

ANSWER:

4. In the first year (FY81) of the GRILL FLAME program and associated contract at Stanford Research Institute International, Army provided \$130,000 and DIA provided \$300,000 for the joint effort.

AMSAA 15K

1. 1978-1979 - Army gave 90K (Incom 50K, ACST, 25K for training package; other Army elements (AMSAA & MIA) gave additional \$ for other related tasks.

2. We had no contract \$ out for FY 80, but we did have in-house expenditures.

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5. What level of funding for GRILL FLAME is being requested in fiscal year 1982 by the Army and DIA?

ANSWER:

5. Army plans to provide approximately \$140,000 and DIA \$335,000 for FY 1982.

*Army plans to provide \$195K to SRI &  
perhaps 10-20K for other institutions.*

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6. How many Army and DIA personnel are involved in Project GRILL FLAME?

ANSWER:

6. DIA expended approximately 1 1/2 manyears for FY 1981 and Army expended 1/4 manyears (excluding their own related in house program).

1. This answer is very misleading & could be dangerous for the growth of the program.

... and do tell how many support types we have AND see the RV-type work. When looking for spaces to say we expended 1/4 manyears is all that will be seen. Note: The 1/4 manyears refers to the amount of management time <sup>that</sup> went into working on contractual efforts.

Note: Mas O'Keefe provided more details to DIA on this over.

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7. Is Project GRILL FLAME the only GDIP effort to study paranormal phenomenon?

ANSWER:

7. Yes.

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Question 8: Project GRILL FLAME is an Army and DIA jointly financed effort to study novel intelligence collection techniques. The fiscal year 1982 justification material states that GRILL FLAME studies will help to identify the capabilities and vulnerabilities associated with paranormal phenomenon having military applications. Isn't there an Army INSCOM funded study on-going of paranormal phenomenon which is not part of GRILL FLAME? What is the total funding of this separate effort?

Answer:

-- INSCOM has an in-house GRILL FLAME program. It is an experimental effort directed against real intelligence targets and problems. INSCOM's efforts are coordinated closely with DIA under the provisions of a joint GRILL FLAME memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by the Deputy Director of DIA and the Assistance Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army in March 1981. INSCOM's GRILL FLAME contracts are included in the overall DIA contract with the Stanford Research Institute - International.

-- INSCOM's total GRILL FLAME funding is:

FY 81	\$130K
FY 82	\$200K; 5 MP

Again, not a complete answer!

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We had a budget of 150K for FY 81, of which 130K went to SRI-I. Seems to me, that we should be pointing out that INSCOM has been taking 8-10 spaces "out-of-line" since JAN 80 to support this DA task & DA should be pointing this out.

Note: INSCOM did not provide input to these questions other than the one concerning 4 man-years - & then the question was taken out of context.

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